

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF QUALITY SILK CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have directed the State Governments to set up quality silk centres in their respective States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have provided any assistance for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of silk units which have been modernised in the country, particularly in Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d) The Government have not directed the State Governments to set up quality centres in the respective States. However the Central Silk Board (CSB) has offered a Catalytic Development Scheme namely creation of growth centres for production of quality silk to all the States for implementation during the 9th plan. The objective of the scheme is production of quality silk on multi-end reeling machine by providing common facilities to the entrepreneurs under one roof called growth centre. The space and building alongwith basic amenities for setting up the centres will be provided by the participating States, while the CSB provides equipments and machinery. It has been envisaged to set up 10 such centres during the 9th Plan at an outlay of Rs.28 lakhs per centre. So far the CSB has spent Rs.96.83 lakhs under the scheme.

(e) The CSB has assisted in modernisation of silk units as follows:-

- (i) In the 8th Plan CSB offered assistance to the State of Orrisa for upgradation of its filature unit at Nvapatna at a cost of Rs.5.74 lakhs.
- (ii) CSB has also assisted Government of West Bengal to modernise the reeling and twisting facilities at Berhampore at a cost of Rs.20.75 lakhs.
- (iii) CSB has assisted the reeling unit at Nurpur in Himachal Pradesh at a cost of Rs.20 lakhs for upgradation of their reeling and twisting unit.
- (iv) The CSB has provided assistance to Government of J&K in preparing a project/feasibility report for modernisation of their filature and silk weaving factory at Rajbagh, at a cost of Rs.10 lakhs.
- (v) Under the Swiss aided SERI-2000 a provision of Rs.70.28 lakhs has been made for setting up quality clubs in Karnataka.
- (vi) Under the National Sericulture Project implemented with World Bank assistance, the Departments of Sericulture in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh obtained assistance for upgradation/establishment of reeling and twisting complexes. The Government of Karnataka obtained assistance to establish 7 growth centres at a total cost of Rs.10.8 crores. The Government of Tamil Nadu obtained assistance for upgradation of 7 Regional Reeling Training Centres at a cost of Rs.0.49 crore. The Government of Andhra Pradesh obtained assistance to upgradation 10 reeling complexes at a cost of Rs.0.946 crore.